

Russia, we thought these kinds of acts were a part of the past. Unfortunately, they are not.

On Saturday, May 1, there were two bomb blasts at two Moscow synagogues, one at Moscow's main Choral Synagogue. There was light damage at both sites, yet the bombings on the Sabbath and on May 1, "May Day" was a scary development.

These violent acts, combined with the various statements issued by Communist members of the Russian Duma can only serve to stir up increased violence. This is extremely unfortunate.

There is no place for violence and hatred in our society. We in Congress and the rest of the world must actively condemn this violence and hatred before it gets out of hand, as has been the case all too many times in this century. Thank you Mr. President.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1141) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

##### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3062. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to various management concerns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3063. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Economic and Political Transition in Indonesia"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3064. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of

Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Para-Aramid Fibers and Yarns"; received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3065. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Federal Speculative Position Limits and Associated Rules" (RIN3038-AB32), received May 17, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3066. A communication from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Grape Crop Insurance Provisions; Final Rule"; received May 17, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3067. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Relief for Those Affected by Operation Allied Force" (Notice 99-30), received May 17, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3068. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equitable Relief from Joint and Several Liability" (Notice 99-29), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3069. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Proc. 99-25"; received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3070. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind and Disabled; Substantial Gainful Activity Amounts" (RIN0960-AE98), received April 20, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3071. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Veterans Subvention Demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3072. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of the Treasury; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3073. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Intercountry Adoption Act"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3074. A communication from the Chairman of the Board, African Development Foundation, transmitting, a draft of a proposed amendment to the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1980; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3075. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting, a draft of a proposed amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3076. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report of the issuance of an export license to Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3077. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3078. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Gambrell, AK; Docket No. 98-AAL-20/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0141), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3079. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; San Antonio, TX; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ASW-54/4-23 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0164), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3080. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Monroe, LA; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 98-ASW-55/4-23 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0165), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3081. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Cahokia, IL; Docket No. 99-AGL-4/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0163), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3082. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Fremont, OH; Docket No. 98-AGL-75/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0161), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3083. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Detroit, MI; Docket No. 99-AGL-8/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0160), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3084. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Mariette, MI; Docket No. 99-AGL-10/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0159), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3085. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel,

Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Hallock, MN; Docket No. 99-AGL-5/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0154), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3086. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Howell; Docket No. 99-AGL-6/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0155), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3087. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Flint, MI; Docket No. 99-AGL-7/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0156), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3088. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Area R-53513C, Long Shoal Point, NC; Docket No. 98-ASO-13/10-7 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0153), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3089. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Rock Rapids Municipal Airport Class E Airspace Area; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-15/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0145), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3090. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Shenandoah Municipal Airport Class E Airspace Area, IA; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-16/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0144), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3091. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Clarinda, Schenck Field Class E Airspace Area, IA; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-17/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0143), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3092. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Des Moines International Airport Class E Airspace Area, IA; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date and Correction; Docket No. 98-ACE-55/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0151), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3093. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Springfield-Branson Regional Airport Class E Airspace Area, MO; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ACE-8/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0149), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3094. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Newton City-County Municipal Airport Class E Airspace Area, KS; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ACE-3/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0150), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3095. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to West Union, George L. Scott Municipal Airport Class E Airspace, IA; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-12/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0147), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3096. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Perryville Municipal Airport Class E Airspace Area, MO; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ACE-1/3-31 (-1)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0126), received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3097. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Cresco, Ellen Church Field Class E Airspace Area, IA; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-13/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0146), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3098. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Grand Island, Central Nebraska Regional Municipal Airport Class E Airspace Area, IA; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ACE-2/3-31 (4-1)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0128), received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3099. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace, Toccoa, GA; Correction; Docket No. 99-ASO-3/5-3 (5-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0169), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3100. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Amendment to Jesse Viental Mem Airport Class E Airspace Area, MO; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ACE-6/4-23 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0166), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3101. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace Area; El Dorado, KS; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date and Correction; Docket No. 99-ACE-5/4-23 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0167), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3102. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace and Modification of Class E Airspace; Alpena, MI; Docket No. 99-AGL-11/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0157), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3103. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Waverly, OH; Docket No. 99-AGL-7/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0162), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3104. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Temporary Restricted Area, Idaho; Docket No. 99-ANM-22/5-4 (5-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0168), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3105. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of CVG Class B and Revocation of the CVG Class C Airspace Area, KY; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 93-AWA-5/4-20 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0152), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3106. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (42); Amdt. No. 1927/4-22 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0021), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3107. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (44); Amdt. No. 1926/4-27 (4-29)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0022), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3108. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Revocation and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sinaw, MI; Docket No. 99-AGL-9/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0158), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3109. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: British Aerospace Model H.P. 137 Jetstream Mk. 1, Jetstream Series 200, and Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 Airplanes; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 98-CE-70/10-8 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0183), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3110. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-100, -200, -300, SP and SR Series Airplanes; Docket No. 97-NM-272/9-30 (4-22)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0182), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3111. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models A36, B36TC, 58, 58A, C90A, B200, B300, and 1900D Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-CE-11/4-28 (4-29)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0198), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3112. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Alexander Schleicher Segelflugzeugbau Model ASK21 Gliders; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 98-CE-25/4-26 (4-26)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0184), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3113. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-100-AD; Amendment 39-11154; AD 99-09-51" (RIN2120-AA64), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3114. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Anchorage Areas/Anchorage Grounds Regulations; Atlantic Ocean off Miami and Miami Beach, Florida (CGD07-99-002)" (RIN2115-AA98) (1999-0001), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3115. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interagency Career Transition Assistance for Displaced Former Panama Canal Employees", received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3116. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, trans-

mitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Employees' Overtime Pay Limitation Amendments Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3117. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to life insurance for Federal employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1074. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for medicare coverage of individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and to provide medicare coverage of drugs and biologicals used for the treatment of ALS or for the alleviation of symptoms relating to ALS; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1075. A bill to promote research to identify and evaluate the health effects of silicone breast implants, and to insure that women and their doctors receive accurate information about such implants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1076. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, education, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROTH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1077. A bill to dedicate the new Amtrak station in New York, New York, to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1078. A bill for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey and her children, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, Jacob Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1079. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deductibility of business meal expenses for individuals subject to Federal hours of service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1080. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit gunrunning, and provide mandatory minimum penalties for crimes related to gunrunning; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 1081. A bill to amend section 842 of title 18, United States Code, relating to explosive

materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1082. A bill to amend part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide assistance for unincorporated neighborhood watch programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1083. A bill to expedite State review of criminal records of applicants for bail enforcement officer employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BRYAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1084. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect consumers from the unauthorized switching of their long-distance service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1085. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of bonds issued to acquire renewable resources on land subject to conservation easement; to the Committee on Finance.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1074. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for medicare coverage of individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and to provide medicare coverage of drugs and biologicals used for the treatment of ALS or for the alleviation of symptoms relating to ALS; to the Committee on Finance.

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) TREATMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1999

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will improve the lives of 30,000 Americans, 850 of whom live in my State of New Jersey, who are stricken with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Many of us know Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) as the disease that struck down the famed Yankees 1st baseman, Lou Gehrig, yet, few of us are aware of the tragic effects ALS has on its victims. Fewer still are aware of the inherent flaws in the Medicare program which further compound the suffering of those with ALS.

Despite the short life expectancy of three to five years, ALS patients must endure a two year waiting period in order to receive Medicare services. Forcing ALS patients to wait until the final months of their illness defies common sense and human decency. In fact, as a result of the Medicare waiting period, approximately 17,000 ALS patients remain ineligible for Medicare services right now, regardless of the severity of their condition.

My bill, the ALS Treatment, and Assistance Act waives the 24-month Medicare waiting period for ALS patients. A similar waiver is granted for victims of end-stage renal disease due to the rapid onset of symptoms. The immediacy of